

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Withdrawn) A method for forming a media representation comprising:
 - providing a source media database;
 - selecting from the database at least one source media;
 - operating on the selected source media to define one or more presentation criteria selected from the group consisting of relative size, cropping, relative orientation, image presentation characteristics, dynamic presentation characteristics and data format based on presentation criteria;
 - transmitting the selected source media through a telecommunications network for display at a remote location;
 - wherein the presentation criteria are transmitted from the remote location through the telecommunications network, and
 - wherein the selected source media is transmitted based on an indication in said database.
2. (Withdrawn) A system for presenting a sequence of images through an electronic display, comprising:
 - a database retrieval system storing a plurality of media presentations
 - a communications network interface; and
 - a server, communicating with the communications network interface, and being linked to said database retrieval system, a user interface providing a schema for defining a sequence of images and presentation characteristics thereof, said server being responsive to said user-defined presentation criteria to transmit,

through said communications network interface, the sequence of images in accordance with the presentation characteristics.

3. (Withdrawn) A method for generating a personalized presentation, comprising: providing an Internet browser user interface for selecting an image and a surrounding context; receiving the selected image and surrounding context by an Internet web server; accounting for the user activity in a Financial accounting system; and delivering the selected image and surrounding context to the user.
4. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, wherein the surrounding context comprises a physical frame for a picture, further comprising the step of printing the selected image.
5. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, wherein the accounting step comprises providing consideration to a rights holder of the selected image.
6. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, wherein the accounting step comprises receiving consideration from a commercial advertiser.
7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of selecting a plurality of images, wherein the context defines a sequence of display of the plurality of images.
8. (Withdrawn) A method for framing an image, comprising:
receiving, through a computer interface, an identification of an image;
receiving, through the computer interface, an identification of a frame type;
providing a printed copy of the image;

providing a physical frame corresponding to the identified frame type; and
inserting the printed copy of the image into the physical frame.

9. (Withdrawn) A method for generating an electronic performance of a set of objects, comprising:

receiving through a computer user interface, an identification of an object selected from a set of available objects;

receiving, through the computer user interface, an identification of a manner of presentation of the selected object and

transmitting, through a telecommunications network, a template generated based on the selected object and identified manner of presentation, generated by a remote computer defining the identified manner of display of the object; and

wherein the template defines a time-dependent presentation of the object.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for defining a presentation, comprising:

receiving a plurality of image portions of a person representing a plurality of vantage points or a time motion sequence of portions of the person;

analyzing the plurality of image portions to define a model of the person;

providing a dynamic template for a presentation;

applying the model of the person to the template thereby defining a customized presentation; and

rendering the customized presentation to include an image likeness of the person, animated according to the model and the template.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for customizing an audio recording, comprising:

receiving a voice sample of a person;

analyzing the voice sample to determine a vocal characteristic of the person

or a semantic content of the voice sample to produce analysis data;

applying the analysis data to a template defining a set of vocal characteristics or semantic content, such that both the vocal characteristics or the semantic content are defined by both the voice sample and template, to define a customized audio message; and

outputting the customized audio message.

12. (Withdrawn) A system for customizing a video game, comprising:
an input for receiving image information from a subject;
a writable memory for storing image information from the subject;
a read only memory for storing a video game program;
means for merging the image information with a synthetic model to produce a composite model; and
means for rendering the composite model as an image in a frame buffer.
13. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a video game output image, comprising:
providing a video game with a generic model;
receiving image information from a subject;
merging the received image information with the generic model;
animating the merged image information and generic model; and
rendering the animated merged image information and generic model.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a customized media stream, comprising:
a plurality of media presentation sources for providing media presentation streams;

first and second media streams from one or more of said media presentation sources for representing media presentations;
said first media stream including a first portion of a first body;
said second media stream including a second portion of a second body;
a media stream processor accessible to said first and second media streams and operable to derive reference information from said first portion of said first body on said first media stream and said second portion of said second body on said second media stream ~~streams~~-based on a selection criteria;
based on said derived reference information, said system being capable of:
resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally
conform with said second portion of said second body;
~~said reference information being usable to provide a combination of~~
~~portions of said first and second media streams to form providing said~~
~~customized media stream having a composite body defined by combining~~
said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second
body.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said media stream processor can operate on said first and second media stream portions with said reference information to provide said combination.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said selection criteria is related to at least one of a reference point, a scaling factor, a rotation axis and a rotation degree.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said selection criteria is related to at least one of a reference time point, a reference time length and a synchronization signal.

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said combination includes an overlay of said first media stream portion on said second media stream portion to form said customized media stream.

19. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, further comprising:

external control information; and

at least a portion of said selection criteria is derived from external control information.

20. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, further comprising a transmission medium coupled to said media stream processor for transmitting at least one of said first and second media stream portions, said reference information and said combination.

21. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 20, further comprising:

a user interface coupled to said transmission medium for receiving said at least one of said first and second media stream portions, said reference information and said combination; and

a display coupled to said user interface for displaying said combination.

22. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein:

said media stream processor can operate on said first and second media stream portions with said reference information to provide said combination; and
said media stream processor is operable to present said combination to said transmission medium for transmission to said user interface for display.

23. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein:
said user interface further comprises another media stream processor coupled to said transmission medium;
said another media stream processor being operable to receive said first and second media stream portions and said reference information; and
said another media stream processor can operate on said first and second media stream portions with said reference information to provide said combination for presentation to said display.

24. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein:
at least one of said media presentation sources is a media stream storage device accessible by said media stream processor; and
said media storage device is operable to store at least one of said first and second media stream portions, said reference information and said combination.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23, wherein:
said user interface further comprises another media storage device coupled to said another media storage processor; and
said another media storage processor operable to store at least one of said first and second media portions, said reference information and said combination on said another media storage device.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 24, further comprising:

a media combination template for defining said combination of said first and second media stream portions; and
said template includes said reference information.

27. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 19, wherein:
said external control information is substantially provided in realtime; and
said reference information is substantially derived in realtime to thereby permit said combination to be produced in substantially realtime.

28. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein:
at least one of said first and second media stream portions contains distinctive media features; and
said selection criteria can include parameters related to said distinctive media features, whereby said reference information can relate to said distinctive media features for use in said combination.

29. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, further comprising:
modular portions of at least one of said first and second media stream portions; and said selection criteria includes levels of customization related to said modular portions for deriving said reference information specific to each of said modular portions.

30. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 28, wherein:
said media stream processor is operable to generate said parameters

according to an algorithm applied to said media stream processor; and
said parameters contribute to identification of said distinctive features.

31. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said first and second media stream portions contains at least one of audio, video, still image, text and graphic presentation information.

32. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said selection criteria further comprises:

an algorithm executable by said media stream processor for analyzing at least one of said first and second media stream portions;

said at least one of said first and second media stream portions include dimensional information / related to said media representations; and

an output of said algorithm comprising a portion of said reference information, and including data for synthesizing additional dimensional information.

33. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 32, wherein said additional dimensional information includes at least one of a rotation axis, a depth dimension, a motion dimension and a motion velocity dimension.

34. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said media presentation sources is a public media production facility.

35. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 28, wherein said selection criteria parameters include a normalization parameter for defining a normalized state of said distinctive media features.

36. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 26, wherein said template is provided by at least one of a user and an automatic algorithm.

37. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 36, wherein application of said template to said first and second media stream portions can substantially occur in realtime.

38. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein said reference information includes at least one of a morphological combination, an interpolated combination and an extrapolated combination of said first and second media stream portions.

39. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said plurality of media presentation sources is an algorithm for generating said first media stream portion and is executable by said media stream processor.

40. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 39, wherein:
at least another of said plurality of media presentation sources is another algorithm for generating said second media stream portion and is executable by said media stream processor; and
said reference information includes algorithmic information for providing said combination.

41. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 28, wherein said selection criteria is provided by a template including script information for animation of said distinctive media features.

42. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15, wherein said media stream processor is operable to fully provide said reference information prior to providing said combination.

43. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein said selection criteria is receivable from said user interface.

44. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 21, wherein said user interface can provide instructions to said media stream processor for providing and sending at least one of said first and second media stream portions, said reference information and said combination.

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said media presentation sources is a database.

47. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database contains access rights information to selectively permit access to discrete contents of said database.

48. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 47, wherein said database further comprises an access tool for managing said access rights.

49. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 47, wherein said access rights can be designated public or private.
50. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database contains rules for at least one of accounting and licensing of selective database content.
51. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 50, wherein:
- said rules are operable to generate records based on database accesses; and
said records are storable at least one of remotely and locally.
52. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 50, wherein said rules provide a selection for a response based on at least one of lack of access to said discrete contents and a lack of payment for access to said discrete contents.
53. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database further comprises an automated processing tool for automating changes to said database.
54. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 53, wherein said database changes include at least one of modification of access rights, modification of database contents and access of said database contents to provide at least one of said first and second media streams.

55. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database can store said combination of portions of said first and second media streams.

56. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 47, wherein at least one of said first and second media streams is derived from said discrete contents of said database.

57. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database is distributed across several physical locations.

58. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, further comprising a script, whereby discrete portions of said database can form at least one of said first and second media streams automatically according to said script.

59. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 58, wherein said script contains a filter, whereby said discrete portions are automatically selected or deselected according to said filter.

60. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 58, wherein said script includes synchronization information for forming said customized media stream.

61. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein said customized media stream includes programmed references including at least one of a hyperlink, and advertisement and a commercial presentation.

62. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein said customized media stream is formed as a slide show.

63. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 62, wherein said slide show is at least one of non-sequential and interactive.

64. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said first and second media streams contain map information.

65. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 64, wherein:
said selection criteria includes variable related to said map information; and
said variables can be set to indicate conditions of modifiable characteristics of said map information.

66. (Previously Presented) A customized media according to claim 65, wherein said conditions include media presentation information for an individual.

67. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 46, wherein said database is structured to permit open dynamic sharing for access to a plurality of custom contents.

68. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said first and second media streams contains two separate custom media presentations.

69. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said first and second media streams contains an avatar for use with a custom media presentation from at least another of said first and second media streams.

70. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 68, wherein said two separate custom media presentations are additive to form a single custom media presentation.

71. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 39, wherein said selection criteria includes parameters for said algorithm.

72. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 71, wherein said parameters are modifiable during execution of said algorithm by said media stream processor.

73. (Previously Presented) A customized media stream according to claim 14, wherein said customized media stream is at least one of analog and digital.

74. (Withdrawn) A volitional payment system comprising:
a multi user data set accessible by a network of interconnected numerical computational machines;
access rights information contained in said data set for selectively permitting access to a discrete media content of said data set;
a set of rules for transferring a payment based on a use of said discrete media content; and

said access rights information being conditioned on said set of rules for transferring payment.

75. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 74, wherein:

said discrete media content is an object in said data set; and

said access rights are associated with said object.

76. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 74, wherein said discrete media content has an embedded indicia for tracking said discrete media content; and said set of rules is operable to track usage of said discrete media content based on said embedded indicia for transferring a payment.

77. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 74, further comprising:

a receipt generated by a usage of said discrete media content according to said access rights.

78. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 77, wherein said receipt is in the form of at least one of a message and a code.

79. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 78, wherein said code is an encrypted code provided from a public/private key code pair.

80. (Withdrawn) A payment system according to claim 74, wherein said set of rules are operable to provide automated negotiation for license fees at a time of a transaction.

81-90. (Cancelled)

91. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a customized media stream, comprising:

providing a plurality of media presentation sources for providing media presentation streams;

obtaining a first and second media stream from one or more of said media presentation sources for representing media presentations;

said first media stream including a first portion of a first body;

said second media stream including a second portion of a second body;

selecting criteria for combining said first portion of said first body on portions of said first media stream with and said second portion of said second body on said second media streams;

deriving reference information from said first and second media streams based on said selected criteria; and

based on said reference information and said selected criteria;

resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally conform with said second portion of said second body; and

processing said first and second media streams to provide a composite body defined by combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body combination of portions of said first and second media streams based on said reference information and said selected criteria.

92. (Withdrawn) A method for providing to an entity accessing a database a customized media stream with rights clearances, comprising:

providing a database containing a plurality of media presentations, said media presentations being associated with a set of rights defining access

permissions for each of said media presentations;

 permitting selection of a media presentation for use in a media combination;

 determining a rights status of said selected media presentation based on said associated set of rights;

 enunciating said rights status to said entity;

 receiving an indicia of acknowledgement of said rights status; and

 providing a transaction recordation based on said rights status for said selected media presentation and said indicia of acknowledgment.

93. (Currently Amended) A storage memory for storing a program code executable to provide a customized media presentation, said program code comprising:

 a first code section executable to access a plurality of media presentation sources for providing media presentation streams;

 a second code section executable to obtain a first and second media stream from one or more of said media presentation sources for representing media presentations;

said first media stream including a first portion of a first body;

said second media stream including a second portion of a second body;

 a third code section executable to permit a selection of criteria for combining said first portion of said first body on portions of said first media stream with said second portion of said second body on said and second media streams;

 a fourth code section for deriving reference information from said first and second media streams based on said selected criteria;

a fifth code section that, based on said reference information and said

selected criteria, is capable of:

resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally conform with said second portion of said second body; and
~~a fifth code section for processing said first and second media streams to provide a composite body defined by combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body combination of portions of said first and second media streams based on said reference information and said selected criteria.~~

94. (Withdrawn) A storage memory for storing a program code executable to customize an audio recording, comprising:

a first code section for receiving a voice sample of a person;

a second code section for analyzing the voice sample to determine a vocal characteristic of the person or a semantic content of the voice sample to produce analysis data;

a third code section for applying the analysis data to a template defining a set of vocal characteristics or semantic content, such that both the vocal characteristics or the semantic content are defined by both the voice sample and template, to define a customized audio message; and

a fourth code section for outputting the customized message.

95. (New) A system for providing a customized media stream, comprising:

a first media presentation source for providing an image of a first portion of a first body;

a second media presentation source for providing a media presentation stream, said media stream including a second portion of a second body;

a media stream processor accessible to said image and said media stream

and operable to derive reference information from said first portion of said first body and said second portion of said second body based on a selection criteria;
based on said derived reference information, said system being capable of:
resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally conform with said second portion of said second body;
providing said customized media stream having a composite body defined by combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body.

96. (New) A method for providing a customized media stream, comprising:
providing first media presentation source, said first presentation source providing an image of a first portion of a first body;
providing a second media presentation source, said second presentation source providing a media presentation stream, said media stream including a second portion of a second body;
selecting criteria for combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body;
deriving reference information based on said selected criteria;
based on said reference information and said selected criteria, processing said image and said media stream by:
resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally conform with said second portion of said second body; and
providing a composite body defined by combining said resized first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body.

97. (New) A storage memory for storing a program code executable to provide a customized media presentation, said program code comprising:

a first code section executable to access first and second media presentation sources;

a second code section executable to obtain an image from said first media presentation source, said image including a first portion of a first body;

a second code section obtaining a media stream from said second media presentation source, said media stream including a second portion of a second body;

a third code section executable to permit a selection of criteria for combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body;

a fourth code section for deriving reference information from said image and said media stream based on said selected criteria;

a fifth code section that, based on said reference information and said selected criteria, is capable of:

resizing said first portion of said first body to proportionally conform with said second portion of said second body; and

processing said image and media stream to provide a composite body defined by combining said first portion of said first body with said second portion of said second body.